REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 47, 48, and 55-64 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 1-46 and 49-54 being cancelled and claims 55-64 being added herein. This amendments introduces no new matter. Support is replete throughout the specification (*e.g.*, in the claims as originally filed).

Allowable subject matter.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 47 and 48 are drawn to allowable subject matter. New claims 55-64 ultimately depend from claims 47 and 48 and therefore incorporate all of the elements recited therein. Accordingly Applicants believe new claims 55-64 are also in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims 1-46, and 49-54 are canceled with entry of this amendment. Accordingly, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner seek to maintain the rejections, Applicants request a telephone interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3513.

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